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Applicant: Ib Mendel-Hartvig et al : Paper No.:  
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For: Assay Device and Use Thereof

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

BOX Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1-25 as follows:

1. (Amended) A test device for conducting an assay for the determination of an analyte in a sample, [said] the test device comprising (i) a housing [(1,2)], and within said housing, (ii) a flow matrix [(6)] allowing liquid to be transported by capillary action and having at least one zone with immobilized capturing agent capable of directly or indirectly binding to the analyte, (iii) a liquid container [(13)] for sample liquid, [and] (iv) at least one liquid container [(12)] for liquid other than sample liquid, [characterized in that the device